

1-1 By: Campbell, Kolthorst S.B. No. 1776
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; March 26, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 23, 2021,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 23, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding
 1-22 principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high
 1-23 school students and the posting of the founding documents of the
 1-24 United States in public school buildings.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 11.172 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 11.172. POSTING OF FOUNDING DOCUMENTS. The board of
 1-29 trustees of an independent school district shall permit and
 1-30 encourage the posting in a district classroom or school building of
 1-31 a copy of the founding documents of the United States, including the
 1-32 Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the
 1-33 Federalist Papers, and the writings of the Founding Fathers of the
 1-34 United States.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 12.104(b), Education Code, as amended by
 1-36 Chapters 262 (H.B. 1597), 464 (S.B. 11), 467 (H.B. 4170), and 943
 1-37 (H.B. 3), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is
 1-38 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1-39 (b) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to:

1-40 (1) a provision of this title establishing a criminal
 1-41 offense;

1-42 (2) the provisions in Chapter 554, Government Code;
 1-43 and

1-44 (3) a prohibition, restriction, or requirement, as
 1-45 applicable, imposed by this title or a rule adopted under this
 1-46 title, relating to:

1-47 (A) the Public Education Information Management
 1-48 System (PEIMS) to the extent necessary to monitor compliance with
 1-49 this subchapter as determined by the commissioner;

1-50 (B) criminal history records under Subchapter C,
 1-51 Chapter 22;

1-52 (C) reading instruments and accelerated reading
 1-53 instruction programs under Section 28.006;

1-54 (D) accelerated instruction under Section
 1-55 28.0211;

1-56 (E) high school graduation requirements under
 1-57 Section 28.025;

1-58 (F) special education programs under Subchapter
 1-59 A, Chapter 29;

1-60 (G) bilingual education under Subchapter B,
 1-61 Chapter 29;

- 2-1 (H) prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E
- 2-2 or E-1, Chapter 29;
- 2-3 (I) extracurricular activities under Section
- 2-4 33.081;
- 2-5 (J) discipline management practices or behavior
- 2-6 management techniques under Section 37.0021;
- 2-7 (K) health and safety under Chapter 38;
- 2-8 (L) public school accountability under
- 2-9 Subchapters B, C, D, F, G, and J, Chapter 39, and Chapter 39A;
- 2-10 (M) the requirement under Section 21.006 to
- 2-11 report an educator's misconduct;
- 2-12 (N) intensive programs of instruction under
- 2-13 Section 28.0213;
- 2-14 (O) the right of a school employee to report a
- 2-15 crime, as provided by Section 37.148;
- 2-16 (P) bullying prevention policies and procedures
- 2-17 under Section 37.0832;
- 2-18 (Q) the right of a school under Section 37.0052
- 2-19 to place a student who has engaged in certain bullying behavior in a
- 2-20 disciplinary alternative education program or to expel the student;
- 2-21 (R) the right under Section 37.0151 to report to
- 2-22 local law enforcement certain conduct constituting assault or
- 2-23 harassment;
- 2-24 (S) a parent's right to information regarding the
- 2-25 provision of assistance for learning difficulties to the parent's
- 2-26 child as provided by Sections 26.004(b)(11) and 26.0081(c) and (d);
- 2-27 (T) establishment of residency under Section
- 2-28 25.001;
- 2-29 (U) [~~(T)~~] school safety requirements under
- 2-30 Sections 37.108, 37.1081, 37.1082, 37.109, 37.113, 37.114, 37.115,
- 2-31 37.207, and 37.2071;
- 2-32 (V) [~~(T)~~] the early childhood literacy and
- 2-33 mathematics proficiency plans under Section 11.185; [~~and~~]
- 2-34 (W) [~~(U)~~] the college, career, and military
- 2-35 readiness plans under Section 11.186; and
- 2-36 (X) the posting of founding documents under
- 2-37 Section 11.172.

2-38 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is

2-39 amended by adding Section 28.0111 to read as follows:

2-40 Sec. 28.0111. FOUNDING PRINCIPLES ELECTIVE. (a) Each

2-41 school district and open-enrollment charter school that offers a

2-42 high school program shall provide an elective course on the

2-43 founding principles of the United States that meets the

2-44 requirements for a one-half elective credit under Section 28.025.

2-45 (b) The course must focus on the principles underlying the

2-46 United States form of government, the Declaration of Independence,

2-47 the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the

2-48 writings of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

2-49 SECTION 4. Section 28.0111, Education Code, as added by

2-50 this Act, applies beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

2-51 SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails

2-52 over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021,

2-53 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted

2-54 codes.

2-55 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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